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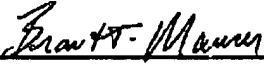
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		First Named Inventor	Robert Matousek
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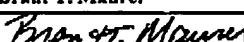
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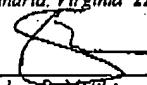
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611 Olive Street, Suite 1610
St. Louis, Missouri 63101AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 28, 2004, Applicant proposes to amend the above-identified patent application as follows: